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Lake County Department Assisting Summer Builders

WAUKEGAN, IL – In order to better serve residents seeking building and site development permits this summer, Lake County's Planning, Building and Development Department will open at 8:00 AM Monday through Friday beginning Monday, June 2nd. Providing earlier access is one of several things the department does annually to better serve county residents who have summer building projects.

The office is located on the 5th floor of the Lake County courthouse and administrative complex, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, IL.

Additionally, Lake County residents who have building and development concerns about their neighbors will be able to reach the county's Planning, Building and Development Department on weekends via an emergency number, (847) 377-2600. The phone number will be available on weekends beginning Saturday, May 24th and will be in operation until October 25th.

The emergency number will allow county residents to leave a recorded message regarding possible construction violations. The recordings will be checked periodically by building inspectors who will respond to the calls. Building emergencies include such problems as poor drainage issues, illegal or dangerous building, illegal dumping and building things such as decks, fences or home additions without proper permits, among other issues.

The department's Building Code and Environmental Engineering Divisions established the number so that Lake County residents can reach the department while a potential is underway on weekends this summer.